



The Lincoln School

Lincletter

Wednesday

April 14, 2010

CO-PRESIDENTS' NOTE

Thank you to all who attended the LSPA meeting last week. We took our first run at filling committee chairs for the board next year. There are still several openings, so please give us a shout if you're interested in ramping up your volunteer energy next year- we'd love to have you!! Thank you to Lauren Garneau for taking the time from her busy schedule to speak with us about recess time in elementary school. Be sure to ask your children about Authorfest, which is happening on April 15th. This fabulous event is sponsored by CSA and funded partially by Parent Teacher organizations throughout town. It is a remarkable experience for the children to meet the authors and illustrators of many of their favorite books. We wish you warm and dry days during the break next week. Our best, Bridget Stump and Linda McDonough

CALENDAR

Thursday, April 15th

Authorfest – all day

Book signing, Town Hall 3-5 p.m.

April 19-23 No school: Spring break

Thursday, April 29th Mentor Night

OPPORTUNITIES TO LEARN MORE ABOUT MCCALL MIDDLE SCHOOL Time Change!

Navigating McCall Middle School

Tuesday, April 27, 2010

McCall Library, 7:30 p.m.

Please note the time has changed from 7:00 to 7:30 p.m.! McCall Middle School Parents' Association cordially invites parents & guardians of the Class of 2017 to join current McCall parents, staff, and students for an informal Question & Answer session to help you get to know the middle school.



JUST 10 BOX TOPS PER STUDENT = OUR \$1,500 GOAL!

A mere 10 Box Tops brought in by each Lincoln student will help us reach our \$1,500 goal! It's likely you have 10 Box

Tops in your pantry right now. Participating products include family staples such as General Mills cereals, Old El Paso salsa and taco shells, Nature Valley granola bars, Pillsbury products, Pop Secret popcorn, Ziploc Brand bags and Kleenex...just to name a few! Simply tear off the Box Tops and send them into the classroom to help us earn cash for our school. Thank you for your continued support of this program.

MENTOR PROGRAM SHARING AND RECOGNITION EVENT

Thursday, April 29th 6:00 – 7:30 p.m. at Lincoln School. Our fourth and fifth grade students have been working hard with their mentors in their many different and interesting areas of expertise from cooking to veterinary medicine, sports broadcasting, and many more. They are looking forward to displaying their projects for their friends, families and fellow students at the Mentor Program Sharing and Recognition Event. Please come see their many amazing displays set up in the Lincoln School gymnasium and cafeteria that evening. We strongly encourage families with third grade students to attend as they can see what they have to look forward to and view the different areas of interest they may choose to learn about next year. In addition, the mentor committee is looking for volunteers to assist with setting up tables and cleaning up before and after the Mentor Program Sharing and Recognition Event. We will have two shifts, one for set-up from 4-6 p.m. and one for clean-up from 7:30-8:30 p.m. that evening. Please email Alison Bayiates (alandart@verizon.net) if you are able to help. Thank you!! Tobey Kelly and Allison Bayiates, Mentor Program Co-Chairs

EDUCATIONAL TECHNOLOGY

BrainPOP Home Access Information:

What is BrainPOP? BrainPOP creates animated, curriculum-based content that engages students, supports educators, and bolsters achievement. The award-winning online educational resources include BrainPOP Jr. (K-3) and BrainPOP. BrainPOP

comes from a WFEE Grant written by the Elementary Instructional Technology Specialists. Below is the information for students to be able to access Brainpop for home use: <http://www.brainpop.com/>

Username: winchesterma

Password: brainpop

iPod Techtutorial for Parents: The iPod Techtutorial for parents that was canceled due to last month's storm has been rescheduled to May 10 from 6-7pm at Winchester High School Animation Lab (1st floor). iPods are more than just music players. iPods have functionality that can be used in many different ways for teaching and learning. Join Joanne Najarian and Stephanie Golas (Elementary ITS) on Monday, May 10, and learn of the many uses for the iPod: creating and listening to podcasts, using video, taking notes for class, studying for quizzes, and much more.

District Technology Committee Meeting will be held directly after the Techtutorial, and all are welcome to join Annamaria Schimpf and the District Tech Committee for an update on technology throughout the district. If you have any questions, please contact Annamaria Schimpf, Director of Educational Technology: 781-721-7007.

COMMUNITY NEWS

TOPSOCCER

Bringing the joy and excitement of soccer to young athletes with disabilities
Offered by the Winchester Soccer Club, this community-based program provides an opportunity for all children with disabilities to play soccer through rule and equipment adaptation. Athletes between the ages of 6 and 16 are invited to participate in a modified game of soccer once a week. A volunteer group of "junior coaches" serve as one-on-one buddies with TOPS athletes. Schedule: 1:00-2:00 Sunday afternoons at Lynch Front Field in Winchester, May 2nd through June 13th (excluding Memorial Day weekend). If you are interested in Winchester's TOPS program as either an athlete or junior coach, please contact Jeff Calnan, TOPSoccer Director at jfcalnan@yahoo.com. No prior soccer experience necessary.

AUTHORFEST

The 17th annual Authorfest will be Thursday, **April 15th**. 22 authors and illustrators will visit each Winchester public school plus St. Mary's. In addition, the Winchester Public Library will host author Susan Lubner, who will present a program for preschool children at 9:45 am. Founded by school librarians and volunteers more than a decade ago, Authorfest is designed to strengthen children's love of reading and help improve their writing skills. Presenters visit each grade level, talking about how they write or illustrate a book plus the skills needed to get their work published. Personal contact with a published author often sparks student enthusiasm and classroom achievement in unexpected ways. Among the authors/illustrators visiting Winchester this year are: Maryann Cocca-Leffler, Dan Mahoney, Lita Judge, Nancy Poydar, Barbara O'Connor and Anna Alter. Classroom visits aren't open to the public, but everyone is welcome at the town-wide book sale and signing at **Town Hall from 3:00pm – 5:00pm**. Book sale profits will bring more authors and illustrators to Winchester next year. The Book Ends website www.bookendswinchester.com also features a link to purchase Authorfest books. Authorfest is run by volunteers and funded by each school's parent association and grants from the Winchester Foundation for Educational Excellence (WFEE), the Winchester Cultural Council (a local agency supported by the Massachusetts Cultural Council, a state agency) and the EnKa Society. Authorfest is also strongly supported by Book Ends. For more information, please contact Ceci Cordeiro at cecicordeiro@comcast.net or 781-729-3192. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Anita Colasante at anitacola@yahoo.com or 781-775-6500.

WFEE: APRIL 2010

Learning with the Pros!

The New York Times and NPR discovered him last year. Martha Stewart found him in 2008. But your children met author/illustrator Brian Lies in 2005. Brian is one of the many well known figures in children's literature who has visited the Winchester Authorfest. WFEE is the primary funder of Authorfest, a day long event each April that celebrates children's literature. "Authorfest brings authors and illustrators directly into the classroom. Learning about the writing, illustrating and editing process inspires our children."-- Ceci Cordeiro, Authorfest Coordinator & WFEE Trustee. The 2010 Authorfest is scheduled for April 15th. Don't be surprised

if meeting a "real, live author" sends your children searching for pen and paper. "It teaches them that their ideas can become books too." Plan to meet the authors yourself on April 15th and purchase some great books at the Town Hall sale at 3:00pm. If you can't make the book sale, you can also order books through Book Ends at www.bookendswinchester.com.

An End to Fidgeting

Have you ever watched a teacher struggling with a classroom full of squirming students who can't concentrate long enough master their work? Occupational therapist Lisa Fleming sees that every day. She turned to WFEE for help funding an innovative but simple solution. Fleming proposed setting up "Concentration Stations," places in the classroom that house everything from headphones to squishy balls and special chairs. Students would learn to better manage their own behavior with the help of those tools. The WFEE Grants Committee said yes to the idea. Once the equipment was delivered, Fleming worked with classroom teachers, showing them how to use the tools effectively. "She is an expert at selecting materials that are developmentally appropriate and support the kids' learning"--Mary Jo Curley, Lincoln School teacher. Ambrose and Lincoln schools have piloted the project. It has been so successful Fleming plans to expand it throughout the district, a move supported by teachers. "We are asking kids to do more academic things at a younger age with some unintended (negative) consequences. Kids love to use the Concentration Station items, some of them need it."--Paul DeBenedictis, Lincoln Teacher. DeBenedictis and other teachers have found that when students learn to redirect their energy, academics can again take center stage. The Concentration Station grant is only one of the 21 education grants funded by WFEE this year. The 2009-2010 grants program provided nearly \$110,000 to Winchester teachers for both classroom projects and professional development.

The Prom 'n Aid

Mark your calendars now, the WFEE Prom 'n Aid is Saturday, May 22nd. Please join us in the garden, under our virtual tent for dinner and dancing to the music of SIX. Tickets can be purchased at www.wfee.org or at Book Ends, \$350 a couple, \$175 if you are coming stag. Proceeds support all Winchester schools. Auction items include weekend get-aways, a behind-the-scenes tour of Logan, and fabulous dinners. Plan your party attire now; special Prom guests include some faces from your past. For more information on WFEE and updates on

events or our grants, visit our website, www.wfee.org. The WFEE Grants Committee is currently reviewing proposals for the 2010-2011 school year. Grants will be awarded in May. Check the website to see what grants will benefit your school. All grants are funded through donations to WFEE. To make an on line donation to WFEE, go to www.wfee.org or you can mail a check to WFEE, P.O. Box 1005, Winchester, MA. WFEE contributions are tax deductible and eligible for employer matching gift programs.

WINCHESTER FRIENDS OF ART

Promoting Excellence in Art Education

Raffle to win a private art class from your art teacher! 1.5 hours for four students. \$10 for one raffle ticket or \$25 for three. Buy tickets from winchesterfoa@hotmail.com And, FREE of charge at NextDoor Theater (Cross St.) through April 15, Winchester students and parents alike are invited to view (and purchase, if you like!) artwork done by art teachers at all levels of the Winchester school system.

ABC BOTTLE DRIVE

The Winchester ABC Program will hold its next Bottle Drive on Saturday, May 8th from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the parking lot behind the Sons of Italy Hall at the entrance to the transfer station. Your returnable bottles and cans help to finance the ABC Program. As always, volunteers are needed the day of the drive to help sort the bottles and cans. If you have an hour or two and can help, please know that you are welcome. For more information, please call Brian Serghenian at 781-721-0242.

WINCHESTER SPORTS FOUNDATION

ANNOUNCES 2010 INDUCTEES

The Winchester Sports Foundation Hall of Fame Committee is proud to announce the Inductees for the 2010 Hall of Fame. They are as follows: 1955 Men's Hockey and Basketball Teams, James Griffin '53 Football, Basketball and Baseball, James Bowers '87 Swimming and Sailing, David Fiorentino '94 Golf and Tennis, Joseph Murphy '99 Football, Basketball and Lacrosse, Joseph Weeren, '99 Basketball and Lacrosse and Coach Quinton Dale, Winchester High School Basketball Coach. The Inductees will be inducted at the Hall of Fame Dinner held on May 6th, 2010, at the Woburn Hilton, 2 Forbes Road, Woburn, MA. Individual tickets are available by sending a check made out to the Winchester Sports Foundation for \$45.00 to Dot Butler, 30 Wildwood St.

Winchester, MA 01890. Tables of 10 are available and will be reserved for parties of 10 upon receipt of payment. Please indicate members of your party when reserving a table. Tickets may also be purchased on line by visiting the Winchester Sports Foundation website at www.winchestersportsfoundation.com. Please join us as we honor the proud tradition of Winchester High School athletics. For additional information about this event or the WSF Hall of Fame committee, contact Paul Manganaro at 781 721-2930 or Dot Butler at 781 729-8436.

WHS BAND UNIFORM FUNDRAISER
Please support the WHS New Band Uniform Dump Run Fundraiser on Saturday, May 8th! The WHS Band needs 30 more uniforms to outfit all members of the band for next year and in the future! Let us take your refuse to the Transfer Station on May 8th for a \$10 donation. Sign-up at the Transfer Station on Saturday, May 1st or mail the attached form with your donation. Please have your refuse on the curb by 7 am on Saturday, May 8th. Thank you for supporting the Winchester High School Band! Come and see us in our new uniforms at the EnKa Fair and Memorial Day parades.

EN KA SOCIETY NEWS
The En Ka Society, Winchester's oldest women's service organization, seeks donations of lightly-used children's and adult books to support the book sale tent at the Society's annual Street Fair, scheduled for May 14 and 15. This year's Fair is titled *Hats Off to You!* Beginning April 1st, books can be left anytime on the wooden collection pallets at the Sanborn House's Carriage House, adjacent to the Ambrose School at 27 High Street in Winchester. Look for signs saying "Book Drop Here." Books should be placed in small, easy-to-handle boxes. Please wrap boxes in plastic to protect the books from the elements. En Ka is particularly in need of gently read paperback fiction, mysteries, and children's books. Videos, DVDs, audiotapes and CDs in good condition are also appreciated. No text books, encyclopedias, magazines or condensed books please. All proceeds from the book sale will support En Ka's annual grants to dozens of Winchester's charitable and civic organizations. Books that remain unsold at the end of the Fair will be donated to a variety of charities. Questions: email enkabooks@yahoo.com.

THE EN KA FAIR IS COMING!
The theme this year is "Hats off to You:" May 14 and 15, 2010! En Ka Parade: May 15, 2010. **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

FOR EN KA FAIR: Volunteers who are over 18 years of age are needed for the upcoming En Ka Fair being held Friday and Saturday, May 14 and 15. Those interested in taking tickets for a ride or helping with a game for a two-hour shift, please Contact Karen Knouse at 721-2829. **En Ka Day at Mahoney's Rocky Ledge to Be Held Wednesday, May 13th:** The En Ka annual fundraiser will be held from 10 am - 5 pm on Wednesday, May 13th, at Mahoney's Rocky Ledge Garden Center. Buy flowers, plants, tools, gift certificates, and more. For the 28th consecutive year, Mahoney's will donate a percentage of that day's sales to the En Ka Society to help fund grants for Winchester's charitable and civic organizations. Please pay at the Main Greenhouse.

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